

# Lifetime Achievement Award for Transport for Wales Advisor

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Chris Gibb, a Strategic Advisor for Transport for Wales, was presented with a 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the Institution of Railway Operators, Golden Whistle Awards 2020.

The prestigious awards, at the London Marriott Hotel, are a celebration of the rail industry, recognising individual and team performances. They recognise those who have gone above and beyond expectations in order to deliver outstanding operational performance.

Chris, whose railway career spans over 38 years, was Managing Director at Wales and West Trains and Managing Director at Wales & Borders Trains up until 2003, when he then joined Virgin Trains and

remained for over ten years, ending as Chief Operating Officer.

Since then, he has held Board level appointments including Chair of Southern Rail Network Performance Improvement Board and a Non-Executive Director role with Network Rail.

The presentation of the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' recognises his lifelong dedication to the industry and acknowledges his wealth of knowledge and experience.

Scott Waddington, Chair of Transport for Wales said: "I'd like to congratulate Chris on winning the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' at the Golden Whistle Awards 2020. It's a very prestigious award and demonstrates his commitment and dedication to the rail industry in a career of nearly forty years.

"At Transport for Wales we are on a journey to transform transport and the fact that we have Chris as a Strategic Advisor provides us with a great depth of industry knowledge and ensures that we are strategically aligned with the industry."

Chris Gibb, Strategic Advisor for Transport for Wales added: "It was an honour to receive this award and I'm extremely grateful for such recognition. The rail industry has provided me with a diverse and exciting career since joining BR as a junior clerk at the age of 17 and one in which I've had the opportunity to work in all parts of the UK.

"I spent a considerable amount of time living and working in Wales in the first half of my career and it's great to be back working part time as a Strategic Advisor with Transport for Wales and assisting them in achieving their ambitious plans."

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